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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

William Wellstood

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DR. D. H. RICHARDS
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VINCENNES, INDIANA

June 11, 1941

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:- When I was a young man I visited Cassius M. Clay and he made me a present of his Life memoirs which I value very highly. Some time ago Captain Vannatter paid me a social call and I was showing him my Lincoln Library when his attention was called to the Cassius Clay book. On looking through it he came across a picture of Lincoln, one he had never

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seen before and he thought you might be interested in it. It is possible you have it but I thought you might not, and as I am writing you about it. It is a good picture of him sitting with legs crossed holding his glasses in one hand and the Emancipation Proclamation displayed in the other. He has a full beard and sideburns. It is engraved by W. Wellstood of N.Y. and was from a life photograph he sent clay by hand of Secretary Seward.

If you should be interested let me know.

Respectfully

D. H. Richards



June 13, 1941

Dr. D. H. Richards
American Bank Bldg.
Vincennes, Indiana

My dear Mr. Richards:

While we do not seem to have the identical engraving of Abraham Lincoln which appears in the Cassius Clay book, I am quite familiar with the study of Mr. Lincoln you describe and there are about five variants of this book.

Possibly on my next visit to Vincennes, I may have an opportunity to see this picture, although I do not feel like asking you to forward the book inasmuch as it is a presentation copy.

If Mr. Clay does comment upon the photograph other than what you have already said, for instance, stating at what time the photograph was presented to him, we would like to have that information.

Very truly yours,

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Director

June 13, 1947

Dr. D. H. Richards
American Bank Bldg.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

My dear Mr. Richards:

While we do not seem to have the identical engraving of Abraham Lincoln which appears in the Cassius Clay book, I am quite familiar with the story of Mr. Lincoln you describe and there are about five variants of this book.

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